

Remarks

In view of the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Applicant understands that claim numbers 35 and 36 were missing and skipped in the originally filed application. Applicant also understands that the Examiner has renumbered originally numbered claims 37-77 to claims 35-75, respectively in the outstanding Office action.

I. Election/Restrictions

In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement as to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-41 and 43 (group I), drawing to a sorbent and method for making the same, classified in class 502, subclass 400+.
- II. Claim 42 (group II);
- III. Claims 44-57 (group III);
- IV. Claims 58-61 (group IV);
- V. Claims 62-63 (group V);
- VI. Claims 64-70 (group VI);
- VII. Claims 71-75 (group VII).

Applicant hereby elects group I invention, namely, claims 1-41 and 43 for examination, with traverse.

Applicant submits that the different groups of inventions are intertwined and closely related such that the examination and search of one group of invention necessitates the search and examination of other groups of inventions. Therefore, to conserve the resources of the PTO and the applicant's, it is more efficient to examine all the above groups of inventions and claims at the same time.

II. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding Office action and a prompt examination of all outstanding claims in the present application.

Applicant believes that an extension of one month is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant additional time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge.

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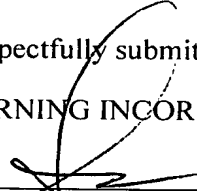
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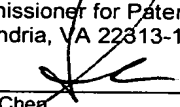
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